

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Correspondence Address. A revocation of power of attorney and change of correspondence address for this case were filed on November 12, 2003. A copy is attached. The Applicants therefore respectfully request that the correspondence address be changed to customer number 26710.

Specification. The title has been objected to as being insufficiently descriptive. In response, the title has been amended to read: "Method for Securing Frame Members for an Electrical Cabinet". The specification has been amended to include the headings provided in 37 C.F.R. 1.77(b). Various other objections to the specification have also been addressed via the amendments above. In view of these amendments, the Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the specification be withdrawn.

The specification has also been objected to as citing an incorrect filing date for parent application number 09/869,618. Therefore, the date has been moved to March 25, 2002.

Drawings. In the drawings, Fig. 11 has been objected to because the number "50" should be "51". A revised figure illustrating the proposed changes to correct Fig. 11 is attached. Fig. 5 has been objected to as requiring a bracket. In response, Fig. 5 has been moved to a separate sheet and, in accordance with M.P.E.P. 608.02, citing 37 C.F.R. Section 1.84 (h)(1), is therefore not required to have a bracket. In view of these proposed amendments, the Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

Objections to the Claims. Claim 4 has been objected to as requiring the phrase “the steps of” and requiring the deletion of an extraneous “the”. In response, claim 4 has been amended to add the requested language. Various other amendments have been made to clarify the language of the claim, and to remove unnecessary limitations. In view of the amendments to claim 4, the Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claim 4 be withdrawn.

New claims. New claims 9 – 14 have been added. Each of these claims adds further limitations to claim 4, and are believed to be allowable with the parent claim.

Conclusion


As claim 4 has been indicated as allowable, the Applicants respectfully request that a notice of allowance for claim 4 be issued. New claims 9 – 14 are also believed to be patentable over the cited references and the Applicants respectfully request that a notice of allowance for these claims also be issued.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 that may be due on this application to Deposit Account 17-0055. The Commissioner is also authorized to treat this amendment and any future reply in this matter requiring a petition for an extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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